

### REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of February 23, 2005 is respectfully requested.


The Examiner indicated in section 7 on page 7 of the Office Action that claims 11, 12, 14 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form and so as to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 11 and 14 have now been so-rewritten. Claims 12 and 15 remain depending upon claims 11 and 14, respectively. The remaining claims have been canceled. Accordingly, all of the claims now pending in the application should now clearly be in condition for allowance. Indication of such is respectfully requested.

However, the above should not be taken as any acquiescence or agreement with the positions taken by the Examiner with respect to the applicability of the prior art to the claims that were rejected in the Office Action.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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